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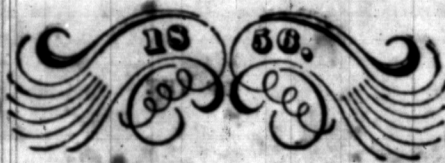
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GARLANDSVILLE, JASPER Co., Miss.,  
October 4th 1886.

This day convened with the Garlandville Baptist Church, the Delegates to the Twentieth Annual Session of the "Mount Pisgah Baptist Association," together with a large congregation, and were addressed by Elder Moses C. Thomas, who delivered the Introductory Sermon, founded on Rom. 4th chap. 25th verse.

After an intermission of half an hour, the delegates assembled at the house for business, when the association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder L. P. Murrell. Prayer by brother Gatewood. Elder J. P. Johnston appointed to preach at the stand.

E. L. Carter and W. J. Morris appointed to read correspondence—R. T. Gatewood assistant Clerk.

M. Tyler, I. Bailiff, and J. C. Curry, were appointed a committee on Finances.

Letters were received and read from 41 churches—delegates names enrolled, and general statistics minuted. Shila and Polkville no correspondence (see table of churches).

Bros. P. M. Gadis and W. C. Porter, were appointed to act as Tellers, and the delegates proceeded to elect by ballot, Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. L. P. Murrell, Moderator; N. L. Clarke, Clerk; J. M. Pace, Treasurer.

The Moderator took his seat, made some appropriate remarks, and announced the Association in order for business. Reading of the Rules of Decorum dispensed with. Visiting brethren invited to seats with the body.

Proceeded to afford an opportunity for the admission of new churches. Fellowship, Lauderdale Co., and Tallahoma, Jasper Co., made application by letter and delegates, and, on examination, being

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found orderly and orthodox, were admitted, and the right hand of fellowship given to the delegates.

Received correspondence from the following sister Associations, viz: Ebenezer, John Moffit and J. P. Johnston Messengers—letter and package of Minutes. Next meeting to be held with Leaf River Church, Covington county, Saturday before the 4th Lord's day, in September, 1857.

Harmony, P. M. Gadis, Messenger, with a letter. Next session to be held with Pelahatchie church Rankin county, Mi., Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in September, 1857.

Liberty, M. Wolf, M. M. Buckley, and M. Stone messengers—letter and minutes. Next session to be with Ebenezer church, Lauderdale Co., Saturday before 3rd Lord's day in September, 1857.

Bethlehem, Wm. Manning, messenger, with a letter. Next meeting to be with Hickory Grove church, Lauderdale county, Saturday before 2nd Lord's day in October, 1856.

Strong River—No correspondence.

*The following Committees were appointed:*

On Preaching—M. Tyler, H. Dunn, D. M. Brown, D. Dove.

On state of Religion, Documents and Publications—W. J. Morris, E. L. Carter, H. Gill. On motion the moderator and clerk were added.

Queries and Requests—James Merchant, L. Jenkins, B. M. Spangler, John Thornton.

On Nominations—M. G. Thomas, John Williams, W. A. Hutson, J. Cooper, J. A. Wheeler, R. Craft.

Indian and Foreign missions—N. L. Clarke, W. J. Morris, E. L. Carter, W. A. Hutson, L. P. Murrell.

To write letters of correspondence—R. T. Gatewood, Wilson West, G. B. Davis.

Called for the reading of the Report of Missionary Board; which was read and received, and made the order of the day, 10 o'clock Monday.

*Resolved*, That a public collection be taken up on Lord's day, after the first sermon, for Domestic and Indian missions.

The preaching committee reported that Elders James Merchant and Wm. Manning preach on Lord's day; and N. L. Clarke close the services.

Adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock.

*Lord's Day, October 5th, 1856.*

The ministers labored according to their appointments. Bro. Merchant founded his discourse on Mar. 1st chap. 15th verse. Bro. Manning founded his on Rev. 20th chap. 11th—12th verses. Bro. Clarke closed the service by prayer; and from the remarkably good order, attention and seriousness, we have reason to believe that good will grow out of the labors of the day. A public collection was taken up, amounting to \$14 75 for Domestic, and \$16 25 for Indian missions.

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MONDAY, October 6th, 1856.

Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator—roll called—rules of decorum read.

Adopted the former order of business.

Elder N. L. Clarke appeared before the Association as a Messenger from the General Association of Regular Baptist of South Eastern Miss., and announcing its organization, and soliciting co-operation and aid in the work in which they were engaged. Bro. Clarke, with his correspondence, was received.

On motion proceeded to arrange correspondence to sister Associations.

EBENEZER—James Merchant and Wilson West, messengers.

LIBERTY—E. L. Carter and John Williams, messengers.

BETHLEHEM—N. L. Clarke and Lewis Jenkins, messengers.

HARMONY—R. T. Gatewood and W. J. Morris, messengers.

STRONG RIVER—W. A. Hutson and Henry Gill, messengers.

Called reports of committees. Committee to write letters reported. Letters adopted.

Called up the report of Missionary Board, which was read again, and adopted, (see appendix a.)

Committee on state of religion, documents and publications reported—report adopted, (see appendix b.)

Committee on queries and requests, reported—report adopted, (see appendix c.)

Committee on nominations reported—report adopted—(see appendix d.)

Committee on Indian and Foreign missions reported—report adopted—(see appendix e.)

Committee on Finance reported—report adopted, (see appendix f.)

*Half an hour recess to arrange union meetings.*

The following is the order of union meetings:

1st District—At Ebenezer church (Neshoba co.) 5th Lord's day in November, 1856.

2nd District—At Pine Ridge church, 5th Lord's day in March '57.

3rd District—At Raleigh church, 5th Lord's day in May, 1857.

4th District—At Shilo church, 5th Lord's day in August, 1857.

On request, a letter of dismission was granted Concord church.

Resolved, That the clerk in preparing the minutes for publication, be requested to re-district the churches of this Association.

Resolved, That, whereas, this body at her last session made a respectful request to Elder I. Mallory, the former Treasurer, through brother J. M. Pace the present Treasurer, that he would make his final report, which he has refused to do, therefore, in refusing to do so, he has cast contempt on this Association—wherefore we cordially and unanimously disapprove of his course, and take this method to express the same.

Resolved, That this Association represent herself in the General Association of Regular Baptist of South Eastern Miss., at its ap-

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proaching annual meeting with Zion Hill church, Smith county, Mi. The following brethren were appointed representatives: N. L. Clarke, James Merchant, Wilson West, E. L. Carter, J. Thornton, M. E. Gray, Lewis Jenkins, B. F. Wilkins, J. Robinson, William Howell, E. G. Tullous, John Williams, G. B. Davis, Reuben Craft, S. H. Curry, H. Gill, W. T. Brian, and L. P. Murrell.

*Resolved*, That the Association send up for Home Missions \$13 15; and for Indian Missions, whatever amount may be in the hands of the Treasurer of this body for that object; and that he is hereby requested to pay it over to some one of the representatives from this body to that—blending the small amounts in his hands for Foreign Missions, and I. J. Roberts, with the same.

*Resolved*, That Elder E. L. Carter preach the next Introductory Sermon, and that James Merchant be his alternate.

*Resolved*, That the clerk of this body prepare, have printed, and distribute the minutes of our proceedings at this session—reserving 150 copies for sister Associations, and receive twenty dollars for his services, and draw on the Treasurer for the same.

*Resolved*, That we republish in our minutes of this year, our Abstract of Faith, Gospel order, Powers of the Association, and Rules of Decorum; and that the clerk have printed on the outside of the cover of the minutes, a blank form of letter, for the use of the churches in writing to the Association.

*Proceeded to Transact Missionary Business.*

*Resolved*, That our beloved brother, E. L. Carter, be appointed missionary one-fourth of the time for next associational year—and that he be allowed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day, for the time spent in the work. The services on Lord's day not to be considered. Bro. Carter accepted the appointment, and was recognized by the association giving him the right hand of fellowship.

Bro. Manning led in prayer for the divine blessing on our labors.

*Resolved*, That it be given as the sense of this Association, that it is the duty of our missionary to supply churches that cannot otherwise get preaching.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due Garlandsville church, the citizens of the vicinity and village, for their amiable and christian hospitality extended to us during our stay among them. May the peace of God remain with them.

*Resolved*, That the next annual meeting of this body be held with Ebenezer church, Jasper county Miss., 12 miles south of Paulding, near Claiborne, Saturday before 1st Lord's day in Oct., 1857.

*Resolved*, That we now adjourn to meet with Ebenezer church, Saturday before 1st Lord's day in Oct., 1857.

Minutes read and approved.

A parting hymn was sung, during which the delegates gave to each other the parting hand of christian affection—and thus closed, interestingly and harmoniously, the twentieth annual meeting of Mt. Pisgah Association of Regular Baptist. Prayer by N. L. Clarke.

N. L. CLARKE, Clerk. L. P. MURRELL, Moderator.



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## NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. T. Gatewood,	Hillsboro.	David Killen,	Union.
Wm. R. Butler,	do.	N L Clarke,	Decatur.
J. H. Butler,	do.	W A Hutson,	Green Bush.
L. P. Murrell,	do.	John Williams,	Garlandsville.
W. H. Hatsel,	Pensacola.	M C Thomas,	Union.
E L Carter,	Claiborne.	James Merchant,	Raleigh.
J G H Baugh,	Polkville.	A Winstead,	Herbert.
Henry Gill,	Union.	Wilson West,	Garlandsville.

## LICENTIATES.

W White,	Bulluckah.	D. Dove,	Decatur.
L Jenkins,	Conahata.	M. M. Bishop,	Garlandsville.
H N Reece,	Decatur.	J. Scarborough,	Battle Field.
John Thornton,	Raleigh.	L. Crosby,	Bulluckah.
Jacob Carr,	Homewood.	James A. Hilt,	Pineville.

## Appendix A.

## TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

GARLANDVILLE, Oct. 4, 1856.

Through the kindness of our Heavenly Father, we are permitted as your Missionary Board, to present this, our twelfth annual report—in doing which, we would return thanks to God for the measure of his goodness that has brought us through another associational year, and blessed us in our work. Your missionary, bro. Clarke, has been engaged according to the appointment he received from your body; spending about one half of his time in the work. He has supplied destitute neighborhoods with the preached word, and fed the flock of God as found in various churches that were destitute of regular preaching. His quarterly reports have been interesting and encouraging.

Bro. Clarke has labored 151 days as Missionary, preached 159 times, baptized 25, received 36 by letter, constituted 2 churches, ordained 1 minister, 3 deacons, and travelled 2,689 miles, besides much other labor connected with the same. He has served 7 churches all or a part of the time. (One of the number baptised was by another brother for brother Clarke.) Brother Clarke states that during the 8 associational years he has been the missionary of the body—he has spent 1320 days in the missionary work, preached 1368 sermons, baptised 384 persons, received 226 by letter, constituted 24 churches, ordained 2 ministers, 15 deacons, and travelled 21,944 miles.

Thus, brethren, we have presented a short account of the years' proceedings, and of the labors of your missionary, and feel that we might say, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us." There remains yet some destitution, and your Board would recommend you to continue a missionary in the field for a fourth of his time for next year. Bro. Clarke, your missionary for 8 years, expresses gratitude to God, and the Association, for the kindness shown to, and confidence re-

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posed in him—but expressed his intention to decline a further appointment as missionary. Your Board would recommend brother E. L. Carter, as a suitable person, for that appointment for the future—and that he be appointed for one-fourth of the next associational year.

L. P. MURRELL, *Moderator.*

N. L. CLARKE, *Clerk.*

## Appendix B.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION, DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS.

Your *Committee on State of Religion, Documents, and Publications* beg to report: *On Documents:*—From the letters from the churches, your committee are unable to gather anything of special note—save that they enjoy peace generally; and in a few cases considerable ingatherings have been exhibited. From the correspondence of our sister associations, we find them enjoying the peaceful smiles of God, and heartily co-laboring with us in the common cause of the Matter. *On Publications:*—Here your committee would refer you to the Report of last year on this subject, and add nothing on Periodicals; but would most heartily endorse, and cordially recommend the careful perusal of the *The Great Iron Wheel*, by J. R. Graves, and *The Old Land Mark Ruset*, by J. M. Pendleton.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MORRIS, *Chairman.*

## Appendix C.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your *Committee Report:*—That they find no Queries. And respectfully recommend that a letter of dismissal be granted to Concord church—Also, that the next session of this Association be held with Ebenezer church; according to her request. All of which is respectfully submitted. JAMES MERCHANT, *Chairman.*

## Appendix D.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your *Committee Report:*—That, they have nominated Elder E. L. Carter to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder James Merchant his alternate. And have nominated the following brethren as Missionary Board, viz:

#### MISSIONARY BOARD.

##### 1st District.

A Winstead,

W R Butler,

H Dunn,

W H Hatsel.

##### 2nd District.

H Gill,

D Dove,

Joel Scarborough,

E Kenedy,

N L Clarke, *Sec'y.*

J M Pace, *Treas'r.*

##### 3rd District.

M Tyler,

Wilson West,

W C Porter,

C H Johnson,

##### 4th District.

J G H Baugh,

John Thornton,

James Merchant,

F Sullivan,

L P Murrell, *Ch'n.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

*Your Committee Report* :—That the subject of missions, at home and abroad, is one that commends itself to the people and church of God. Especially should the work of Indian missions be regarded as having claims on the Christians of America. We have their homes, and our children play over the graves of their fathers—while their offsprings, but the remnant of their former greatness, have been driven far, far back into the wilderness of the West. Our brethren are laboring among them, and have been for years. God is blessing their labors—baptisms are frequent—more especially, among the Choctaws, Creeks and Seminoles. An effectual door seems to be opened. But our brethren are poor—having at times to leave their work and travel in the States to get support. We should feel called upon to help them—to do what we can. The cause of God in all nations has claims upon us. It is too manifest; we need not advocate the cause of Foreign missions here. The command is: "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, &c." Let us heed it, and do what we can. We offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Association recommend to the churches and brethren composing the same, that they carefully weigh the obligation they are under to aid in spreading the Gospel in the earth, and that they send up to this body, each year, their liberality for Indian and Foreign missions, as the Lord may prosper them—and it will be sent by this Association to its proper destination.

Submitted,

N. L. CLARKE, *Chairman*.

## Appendix F.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mt. Pisgah Association, to J. M. Pace,

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"	By collection on Lord's day for Indian missions, . . . . .	16 65
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	Respectfully submitted,	M. TYLER, Chairman.

Appendix G.

ABSTRACT OF FAITH AND GOSPEL ORDER AS AMENDED AT THIS SESSION.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:—

1. We believe in one Triune God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.
2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity; in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature—consequently, the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

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4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ, before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with an holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone, through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and men—the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness, to every one that believeth.

6. We believe the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth; that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and require all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

### Gospel Order as Amended.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeably to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and law-giver of his church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptised church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

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### Objects and Powers of this Association.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines, or tolerate immoral practices.
2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can, in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem it practicable.
3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, or every individual member of a church, to support them, or not to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and this right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion, whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.
4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.
5. Ministers of the gospel, in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.
6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.
7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.
8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.
9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all money which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.
10. The Association may form their own by-laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such manner as they may think expedient.

### Rules of Decorum.

1. This Association shall consist of Delegates chosen by the churches of which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the *Mt. Pisgah*.
2. Such Delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.
3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the No. baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and deceased, during the preceding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.
4. This Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present. Said Mod-

erator and Clerk fill their respective places, if present at the succeeding Association, till a new election takes place; and, while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to those offices.

5. If the new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their Delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two Delegates, and no more, until her number shall reach 100, and one Delegate for every additional 50 members thereafter, until she may have four Delegates and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion, made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided, at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject, without leave of the Association.

12. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association; and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over whenever thought necessary.

20. The Minutes shall be read, and carefully corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the Minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

23. Immediately after the organization of the Association, the Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order from the Moderator.

24. The foregoing Articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association; by a majority of the Association.



STATISTICAL TABLE EXHIBITING THE CHARACTER OF MT. PISGAH ASSOCIATION, FOR OCTOBER 4-6, 1856.

Churches.	Counties.	Delegates' Names.	Post Office.	Baptized,	Received by letter,	Restored,	Dismiss'd by letter,	Excluded,	Dead.	White males,	White Females,	Colored,	Total members,	No. minutes	Associations for purposes,	Domestic missions,	Time of meeting.	Ordained,	Licentiat's,	Remarks.	
FIRST DISTRICT.																					
Hillsboro, Friendship,	Scott, Leake,	R. T. Gatewood, L. Crosby,	Hillsboro, do.	3	13	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	40	20	4	00	4	1	2	W Denson, sup.	
Pleasant Hill, Union,	Newton, Scott,	L P Murrell, L L Jenkins, Henry Dunn,	Conahatta, Hillsboro,	6	9	0	1	2	1	44	48	4	96	40	6	3	25	1	1	W Denson, P.	
Sul. Sp'ngs, N. Prospect,	do. do.	W Brewer, J C Curry,	County Line, Hillsboro,	2	6	1	2	0	1	13	17	12	42	20	3	8	60	1	1	L P Murrell, P.	
Ebenezer, Sardis,	Neshoba, Scott,	M B Kirk, B Tolbot,	County Line, Hillsboro,	1	0	2	4	1	0	11	14	0	25	12	3	3	00	3		J H Butler, P.	
N. Prospect, Redland,	Newton, Neshoba,	J J Jones, B M Spangler, W G Taylor,	County Line, Union,	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7	6	16	15	3	1	25	4		David Killen, sup.	
Centre Hill, Fellowship,	do. Lauderdale,	Letter and funds by M C Thomas, D M Brown, John Sewell,	do. Marion,	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	11	2	25	20	2	25		2		L P Murrell, "Destitute.	
Zion, Herbert,	Kemper, Neshoba,	S P Pool, F M Pool, P B Teuknett,	Calvert's Str, Herbert,	4	1	0	1	0	0	8	9	1	18	20	3	00	4			W R Butler, "J H Butler, "David Killen, P.	
Bluff Spring, Tallahatta,	do. Newton,	J Hester, W H Herrington, M C Thomas, J Scarborough,	do. Battlefield,	2	2	2	15	2	0	10	11	3	24	15	2	50	1	1		M C Thomas, sup.	
Beulah, Pinkney,	do. do.	Daniel Dove, Henry Gill,	Decatur, Union,	0	4	0	0	5	0	13	13	2	28	20	2	00	3			Destitute.	
Decatur, P. Springs,	do. do.	N L Clarke, I Bailiff, F Flanigan, W J West,	Decatur, Garlandville,	0	2	1	2	0	1	26	25	1	52	35	5		1			T J Hand, "A Winstead, P.	
Pine Ridge, Mt. Vernon,	do. do.	J Hamilton, W W Taylor, A Hare, G B Davis,	Conahatta, Garlandville,	1	0	0	0	0	1	21	36	3	60	20	2	50	4	00	1	N L Clarke, sup.	
Bethel, Tallahalla,	do. Scott,	Thomas Davis, H Nichols, S H Curry, B Harroll,	do. Homewood,	2	1	1	23	0	1	11	22	2	34	20	2	00	4	30	2	M C Thomas, P.	
Garl'dsville, Good Hope,	Jasper, Newton,	M Tyler, C H Johnston, R Sinclair, J Ishee,	Garlandville, Chunkeyville,	1	2	2	35	7	0	5	8	10	23	20	3	5	00	2		M C Thomas, sup.	
Mt. Pisgah, Tallahoma,	Jasper, do.	E M Carter, J C Perry, J Williams, W West,	Garlandville, Tallahoma,	6	10	0	0	0	0	7	18	0	25	15	1	50	1	45	4	Henry Gill, P.	
Antioch, Providence,	do. do.	J Dicken, R Simmons, E L Carter,	Paulding, Claiborne,	1	1	0	0	0	0	9	10	0	19	15	1	50		1		N L Clarke, P.	
Ebenezer, Sharon,	do. Jones,	W J Morris, J A Wheeler, A Johnston, W C Herrington,	do. do.	0	5	0	1	0	0	11	17	6	34	20	2	00	4	30	2	Wilson West, sup.	
Ellisville, Leaf-River,	do. Smith,	J Cooper, A Anderson, G W Barnes, M Blanchard,	Ellisville, Pineville,	2	1	1	3	2	2	15	32	8	55	30	5	5	00	1	1	Missionary, "John Williams, "L P Murrell, "Jno Williams, "Jno Williams, "Missionary, "Jno Williams, "Missionary, sup.	
Hope Well, Line Creek,	Scott, do.	B F Wilkins, W A Hutson, C W Mercer,	Homewood, Green Bush,	1	1	0	3	2	2	21	32	8	55	30	5	5	00	1	1	E L Carter, P.	
Spring Hill, Polkville,	Rankin, Smith,	John Hawkins, No Delegation,	Orion, Polkville,	1	1	1	5	1	2	19	18	5	42	20	2	2	00	2		E L Carter, sup.	
Shiloh, Mt. Carmel,	do. do.	E G Tallous, M E Gary,	Trenton, Pineville,	5	7		6	3	0	19	27	0	46	30	3		4			E L Carter, "Missionary, "Missionary,	
Raleigh, Salem,	do. do.	J Thornton, R Craft, James Merchant, J Robinson,	Raleigh, do.	1	2		4	4	0	2	8	3	13	15	1	50		4		Wm A Hutson, P.	
Harmony, Zion Hill,	do. do.	W T Briant, E Lucas, No Delegation,	do. Bunker Hill,	0	8		7	1	2	15	35	4	54	30	3	00	1525	3		Wm A Hutson, S.	
Concord,	Simpson,	W Whitehead,	Old Hickory,	2	3		0	1	0	5	5	8	16	10	1	50	4	50	2	J G H Baugh, P.	
FOURTH DISTRICT.																					
				4	1		3	0	0	19	36	1	56	30	5	00	2	1	1	Jas Merchant, S.	
				0	0		0	0	0	8	12	0	21	15	2	50	3			J G H Baugh, "Missionary, "Missionary, sup.	
				0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	29	20			1	1		E L Carter, "J L Chandler, "	
				0	2		5	2	0	10	18	0	28	25	2	1050	4				
				6	1		0	0	0	7	11	1	19	15	1	2	0	2	1		
				6	5	1	11	0	1	13	52	4	69	25	3	00	1420	2	1		
				3	7		0	1	0	11	12	1	24	20	2		1-1				
				0	3		1	2	1	7	24	1	31	18	2		2				
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Two new Churches added this Session. Concord dismissed by letter. Net gain in number of members over last year, thirty. CLERK.



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Of Letter for the use of the Churches, writing to the  
~~ASSOCIATION.~~

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, ..... COUNTY:

Regular Baptist Church of Christ, to Mt. Pisgah  
Association, in annual meeting for 185—

**Dear Brethren:** We have chosen our beloved Bro. \_\_\_\_\_  
to bear you this, our letter, and to set with you in your Annual  
meeting for 185— at \_\_\_\_\_. For all further necessary information,  
we refer you to our statistics and the delegates.

Our Post Office is \_\_\_\_\_

Baptised \_\_\_\_\_, received by letter \_\_\_\_\_, restored \_\_\_\_\_, dismissed  
by letter \_\_\_\_\_, excluded \_\_\_\_\_, dead \_\_\_\_\_, white males \_\_\_\_\_,  
white females \_\_\_\_\_, colored \_\_\_\_\_, total \_\_\_\_\_, no. of minutes  
\_\_\_\_\_ for associational purposes \_\_\_\_\_, for domestic missions  
\_\_\_\_\_ for Indian missions \_\_\_\_\_, for foreign missions \_\_\_\_\_,  
times of meeting \_\_\_\_\_, ordained ministers \_\_\_\_\_, licentiates \_\_\_\_\_,  
pastors or supply \_\_\_\_\_.

We are in \_\_\_\_\_ (here make general remarks.)

Pray for us—may the Lord be with and bless you.

Above is presented the Form of a letter for the use of the  
Churches. Will the Clerks of churches please notice it, and observe  
the same order in presenting their statistics. Will the brethren  
and sisters be careful to read their minutes through. **CLERK.**